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## THE PLATFORM.

The report of the special delegation appointed by the Republican state committee, to draft in advance and submit through the press to the general public, a platform to be adopted at the state convention at Montpelier June 30, is printed in full elsewhere in this paper. Although not issued in season to be used in the weeklies enough in advance to bring about discussion from that source before the convention, the Monitor, nevertheless, presents it for the enlightenment of the public on what the leading republicans of the state believe the party should stand for and accomplish.

Probably none of the things advocated in this tentative platform will be severely criticised unless it be by some one who is bound up in advocating a certain single doctrine to the exclusion of governmental problems in general. On the whole the platform is very conservative and as the Monitor sees it there are only one or two of the planks that are debatable to a degree that ought to make their enactment in the least uncertain. With what slight changes may be made in this draft before being adopted by the convention, we suppose the state officers will be nominated on this platform and in this manner pledged to carry it out. In reality however the senators and representatives of the two hundred and forty odd towns and cities in Vermont will be the real power to redeem the pledges on which the republican party of the state go before the freemen for their votes.

It therefore becomes essential that candidates for legislative honors tell the voters whether they believe in the planks of the platform adopted by their party or not. The day is coming if it is not already at hand when there will be a general demand for a declaration of principles by legislative candidates and the sooner it comes the quicker will there be a cleaner and a better government from the smallest political division up through to the federal government itself.

Judging from the general favorable comment and publicity given the Monitor's previous references to the belief that town representatives should find out where they stand, we should judge there is a popular demand for men who have ideas on these questions of importance, and dare to proclaim them. Mr. Candidate for legislative office, where do you stand?

And so Governor Harmon of Ohio is likely to be the Democratic nominee for president in 1912. From all reports Governor Harmon is a strong man. He naturally must be to be twice elected governor of so strong a republican state as Ohio.

Congressman Foster's article in "The Independent" of June 16, is a strong plea for neutralizing the Panama Canal, and tends to convince one that this is a most feasible scheme and one that would advance the strong peace movement of the times.

A new epoch was begun on June 22, when Count Zeppelin took many passengers in his giant airship a distance of 300 miles. This was his first trip over a route established for regular service between two German cities, and was entirely successful. The trip was made in nine hours.

Congratulations to W. B. Ranney of the Penacook (N. H.) News-Letter. His paper has recently been changed to an all home print paper and otherwise improved. Mr. Ranney is a Vermont, the son of C. F. Ranney of Newport, and has made good in his venture into the printing and publishing business.

Honestly now, why do you suppose Doctor Mead declines to publish his campaign expenses?—Montpelier Journal.

Wait! perhaps he needs more time to figure them up.—Barre Times.

The Monitor repeats its statement that it would like to see Dr. Mead stand ready to publish his campaign expenses, but in answer to the Journal's question we venture that he wants to be in style. You know other candidates previous to 1910 have refused to publish expense statements of various kinds.

It is announced that Joseph Battell of Middlebury has been in consultation with the attorney-general for the purpose of ascertaining what steps are necessary to institute a prosecution in connection with the expenditure of money in the present governorship campaign. This sounds like business.—Enosburg Standard.

It certainly does. If there has been any fraud or illegitimate expenditure of money the parties con-

cerned ought to suffer. All these charges clothed in promiscuous generalities indulged in by some papers in this campaign have only had a tendency to tear down public confidence without elevating or benefiting anyone.

## Scared into Sound Health.

Mr. B. F. Kelley, Springfield, Ill., writes: "A year ago I began to be troubled with my kidneys and bladder, which grew worse until I became alarmed at my condition. I suffered also with dull heavy headaches and the action of my bladder was annoying and painful. I read of Foley Kidney Pills and after taking them a few weeks the headaches left me, the action of my bladder was again normal, and I was free of all distress." Sold by all druggists.

## WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

## Abuse and Misrepresentation.

As this paper said two or three weeks ago, the campaign of misrepresentation and personal abuse has failed. Dr. Mead is stronger with the people than ever before. He is also more cordially hated by "the opponents" and more feared than ever before. These political dictators of the past who even resorted to guerilla tactics, who have not fought in the open but have tried to hide behind "dark horses," unpledged delegations, etc., have failed we believe. Dr. Mead carried St. Albans, Burlington, Barre and other large places. He would have carried Montpelier had not the Mead men been generous enough to concede the delegation to the opposition that Hon. John A. DeBoer might be the presiding officer of the convention.—Vergennes Vermonter.

## Severe Serenading.

Talk about your rough housing a bridal couple. At a recent wedding in Springfield it was determined that the (un)happy couple should not be allowed to leave town after the wedding, but they did. The bride escaped in an automobile and was taken to Claremont, N. H. The house where the couple were to stop with some friends was found surrounded by a howling mob of their "friends" so she eluded them and stayed with an aunt until the coast was clear when she gained the friend's house and was locked in a closet. The "Indians" swiped the couple's baggage and the groom's coat, watch and money, but a friend and got away on foot and later was found in a freight car at Charlestown, N. H., and taken in another automobile, finally getting to his bride at about five o'clock in the morning. "All's well that ends well" and the joke seems to be on the strenuous but misguided jokers.—Swanton Courier.

## Profit in Apple Growing in Vermont.

The News and other papers in the state have frequently urged more attention upon the part of Vermont land owners to apple culture. In this state there are innumerable most favorable localities for the production of the best apples in the world. All that is required is more intelligent attention to pruning and spraying and the various other things requisite to growing perfect fruit and more attractive packing for the market. Vermont can raise infinitely better flavored fruit than can Washington or Oregon, or the newer apple sections.

That there would be profit to Vermont orchardists in raising just as handsome fruit and in packing them just as attractively as these western growers do is indicated by the fact that western grown apples are today selling in Vermont and other eastern markets for from seven to ten cents apiece at retail.

Literally immense wealth awaits the able growers of Vermont when they make the best possible use of their opportunities.—Rutland News.

## Harboring Gypsies.

While other communities in Vermont are lenient with the gypsy caravans which inflict themselves on the public each summer, Rutland has taken a decided stand and has refused to harbor the wanderers. Early in the week, a band of these nomads attempted to pitch their camp in that city, and before they had driven stakes they were ordered by the chief of police to move on. In compliance with those orders, the gypsies moved on—to the next place, to become a nuisance there, provided the authorities did not show the same measure of determination as the Rutland chief of police. He rebuffs them there is too much rope given to these really undesirable people. The average gypsy does not bring a thing to the community; instead, he takes from it by stealth or by open and brazen effrontery. His sense of justice and right is so stunted that he thinks nothing of committing depredations where he considers the chances for detection are slight; and the people in the vicinity of the camps cannot feel secure until the last of the gypsies is seen in the distance. There is no reason why the communities hereabouts should suffer from the trickery of these blood-suckers of organized society. Only let the authorities foil of the example of the Rutland chief of police and refuse to let them throw their camps anywhere in this region. Pass them on to the next place, and let the next place pass them on, until the gypsies give Vermont a wide berth.—Barre Times.

## Henry G. Thomas.

In the resignation of Henry G. Thomas of Stowe, as state commissioner of fish and game, the public loses a very useful and a very faithful agent. It hardly needs to be explained that the post is one requiring a considerable variety of more or less technical knowledge that comparatively few available men possess or are willing to put into that employment. Notwithstanding all this, however, the incumbent of the office is brought into immediate relationship with several thousand amateur sportsmen with almost as many different minds as to how the fish and game should be "protected." And anybody that has listened for awhile to the good-natured dispute of two fishermen as to the best way to take this or that fish can easily understand how they might disagree as to the best way not to take them, and that the multiplication of those differences many times among many men is no particular help to the incumbent of an office that has to stop these men from doing what they want to do and encourage them to do what

they don't want to do in the interest of preserving game for "sport." Never since the days of our sires in the British Isles has the "poacher" been regarded as the greatest rogue in the kingdom. His crime was not wrong in and of itself; it was wrong because it was prohibited. And today Vermonters are legion that are afraid of the game warden and not their own conscience when they break the fish and game laws right and left. It has been a slow and sometimes discouraging task to educate the average person to a higher idea of our duty in the matter in the conservation of all these wild creatures for other reasons than "sport." Henry G. Thomas did a great deal for the protection of fish and game and did it because he wanted to serve the public interest.—St. Albans Messenger.

## Probate Office.

In referring to the Judge of Probate it might be interesting to state that Judge Alfred during his administration has made a full and complete general card index to all estates which have ever come into the court from the time of its organization in 1797. Each estate of whatever kind or nature has a separate card upon which is the name and nature of the estate, the town, and full reference to the files in the same, and volume and page of records in which recorded, and these cards are all alphabetically arranged, so that the papers or records in any particular estate can be found without delay. There are over seven thousand of these cards, showing the number of estates which have come into this probate district. The work of making this index took something like two years of the spare time of the judge. This is the only probate district in the state which has a general card index, and as we understand it, few of the districts have any general indexes at all. This shows the systematic order of his office. As bearing upon the judicial qualifications of Judge Alfred, in all the hearings before him since he came into office, where there has been a contest before him and an appeal taken from his ruling or decision, in but two cases have his rulings or decisions been reversed by the higher courts. In this connection it might be well to state that in the county convention held here four years ago when Judge Alfred was renominated to his present position, Hon. H. F. Graham, then and at present our state auditor, who was a delegate in that convention from Craftsbury, of his own volition, arose and stated to the convention in substance that he had occasion to visit and audit the accounts of all the judges of probate throughout the state, and was conversant with them all, and that the probate office in this district, in his opinion was the best arranged and conducted of any in the state.—Express and Standard.

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## STATE NEWS.

## New Passenger Station for Brattleboro.

Brattleboro is to have a new \$10,000 Central Vermont passenger station and the railroad company plans to expend about \$50,000 in improvements, including the abolishing of the grade crossing on Bridge street, and the construction of an overpass.

## Plumley Will Speak.

Congressman Frank Plumley will be in Montpelier when the second district Republican convention will renominate him for representative, and he will address the convention. Clark C. Fitts of Brattleboro will preside over the convention, which will begin at two o'clock.

## State Pharmacists to Meet.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Vermont State Pharmaceutical association will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 5, 6, and 7, at the Prospect house, Lake Bomoseen. The Travelling Men's Association Auxiliary will meet at the same place and time.

## Titcomb First Choice.

The resignation of Fish and Game Commissioner Henry G. Thomas removes from office an official who put a great deal of time and hard work into the service. The Banner is one of the papers that have criticised Mr. Thomas but we recognize that in many respects he has done good service for the state in a trying position and he deserves credit therefore. We hope to see John W. Titcomb of Lyndon appointed to succeed Mr. Thomas.—Bennington Banner.

## Bennington's Proposed Public Building.

The omnibus bill which contained an appropriation of \$75,000 for a public building at Bennington has passed the House. After consultation with President Taft it was thought best by Congressman D. J. Foster to scale down the appropriation. The president has not been particularly favorable toward the enactment of a public bill and the concession was made to meet his views. If another \$10,000 is needed to meet the requirements at Bennington it can probably be secured at a future session. It has been suggested in Bennington that it would be more fitting to construct the exterior at least of the building from Dorset marble. Another suggestion, more favorably received is that the white granite of Bethel, which forms the walls of many beautiful and substantial structures throughout the country, be used.

## Caledonia County Nominations.

The Caledonia county republican convention was held at St. Johnsbury, Wednesday, June 22. The following ticket was nominated:

Senators—David E. Porter, of St. Johnsbury, and Dr. S. E. Darling of Hardwick.

Assistant Judges—Frank M. Paige of Groton, and E. W. Brown, of Waterford.

Sheriff—W. H. Worthen of St. Johnsbury.

High Bailiff—Horace D. Coffrin of Groton.

State's Attorney—Robert W. Simmonds of St. Johnsbury.

All of the candidates were nominated by acclamation except the second senator and the sheriff. For senator Doctor Darling defeated Luther A. Darling, of East Burke, by a vote of 34 to 24. George F. Winch, the present sheriff, was defeated by Worthen by a vote of 32 to 27.

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## Fast Granite Train Put On.

The Central Vermont railway has recently inaugurated a new and fast train service to the West for the special accommodation of the granite manufacturers of the state, which is bound to aid very materially in the development and exploitation of this great and rapidly growing industry. The service is for a special train carrying nothing but granite, and runs three days each week from Montpelier Junction to Port Huron, Mich., and takes on all product for the west from the manufacturing in Montpelier, Barre, Burlington, St. Albans, Hardwick and Swanton. The first train consisted of 40 cars and left Montpelier Junction last week Tuesday; it arrived in Chicago on Saturday, remarkably quick service. The train will be operated exclusively for granite and will be maintained as long as the business warrants it. This is but one of the many plans the Central Vermont is working out for the development of the business of the state.

## Death of Rev. G. W. Hunt.

The Rev. George W. Hunt, superintendent of the St. Albans district of the Vermont Methodist conference died at his home in St. Albans, Friday morning, June 17. Mr. Hunt was born in Orange, N. J., April 3, 1845. After receiving a common school education he went into a hat factory to work and afterward entered the hat manufacturing business. When 27 years old he gave up the business and decided to enter the Methodist ministry and was ordained in 1872. Following were his charges in the New England Southern conference: Mashapang, Eastford, Mapleview, Provincetown, South Coventry, Moosup, Middleboro, Taunton and Providence. He also preached in Gardner, Maine, for a year and in Newport, R. I., Brockton and Attleboro, Mass. In 1899 he came to the Vermont conference and was pastor at St. Johnsbury and Enosburg Falls and five years ago was appointed district superintendent when he came to St. Albans to reside.

## Montpelier Seminary New Buildings.

A meeting of the board of trustees of Montpelier seminary was held June 22 and plans for the prospective buildings of the seminary were submitted. As they were well received, it is expected that a movement will soon be started to carry them out. The trustees propose to spend over \$125,000 on the new structures, three in number. Two will be approximately 100 feet in length and the third about half that size. The trustees plan to build one at a time, to make the construction of as little annoyance as possible to the school. One of the present wood buildings will first be torn down and the new one of brick and stone put in its place. Then the other buildings will be added in a like manner at the discretion of the trustees. According to the plans, the middle building is to serve as a faculty house, chapel, auditorium and recitation rooms, while the end buildings will be used as dormitories, each accommodating 80 students, one being for the boys and the other for the girls. The present brick building will be used for school purposes. All the new buildings will be made in the most approved style and will place the seminary in the foreground of preparatory schools. No announcement has yet been given out as to the means to be employed in raising the money, but it is generally understood that the alumni and friends of the institution will be asked for contributions.

## FIGHT FOR LODGE'S SEAT

Congressman Ames Announces His Candidacy For the Senate

Washington, June 27.—Congressman Butler Ames has declared war on the senior senator from Massachusetts and the Republican Lodge machine of the Bay State.

The Lowell leader defiantly announced his position in a statement in which he gave out his candidacy for the seat in the senate now held by Mr. Lodge.

He explained that he was moved to this speedy action by the news of the Lodge lieutenants being already at work upon state representatives and senators for the re-election of Lodge.

In announcing his candidacy Ames declares that Lodge is the servant of great financial interests and charges him with aiming to crush all his rivals.

## STROSNIDER DISCHARGED

Grand Jury Failed to Indict Man Held in Coleman Case

New York, June 27.—John Strosnider, sometimes known as "Big Lem," recently arrested in connection with the Coleman embezzlements in Cambridge, Mass., was discharged when Strosnider was brought before Commissioner Morle, on the ground that the federal grand jury of Massachusetts had failed to indict Strosnider.

The motion to discharge Strosnider and relieve him from further obligations of bail was made by Assistant United States Attorney Black.

## St. Yves Quits Race

Fall River, Mass., June 27.—Quitting in the eleventh mile, Henri St. Yves, the French Marathon runner, was defeated in a fifteen-mile match race by Gustaf Ljungstrom, the Swede, who, leading at the eleventh mile by one mile, continued to and finished the race in 1 hour 27 minutes and 21 seconds.

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